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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Representative Zlotnik of Gardner, the members and employees stood in a moment of silence to honor the life of Andrew Boucher, who passed away on Monday, December 6, 2021.

Andrew
Boucher.

Born and raised in Gardner, Andrew was a graduate of Gardner High School and went on to receive a degree in Mortuary Sciences at the New England Institute at Mount Ida College. Andrew followed in his father's footsteps, taking over ownership of the family's Boucher Funeral Home in Gardner. It is through this role that Andrew demonstrated his professional passion to assist families during their difficult times of grief.

Andrew received several awards for business professionalism, civic engagement, and community involvement. He served on various boards, commissions, and gave generously back to the community he called home. Andrew Boucher was truly a pillar of the Gardner community that will be greatly missed by all.

Andrew leaves behind his parents, four sisters, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating John Caponi on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

John
Caponi.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Zachary Cullison on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Zachary
Cullison.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Edward Flanagan on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Edward
Flanagan.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Timothy Murphy on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Timothy
Murphy.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Castle Group;

Castle
Group.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each

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instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Hinds, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4311) of Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) relative to recall elections in the town of Monterey. To the committee on Election Laws.

Monterey,—
recall
elections.

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4312) of Sarah K. Peake (with the approval of the county commissioners) that Christopher Arrigo be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board. To the committee on Public Service.

Christopher
Arrigo,—
creditable
service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Blais of Sunderland and Senator Hinds presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Blais and Adam G. Hinds for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Patrick Laughlin, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Patrick
Laughlin,—
sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the city of Westfield to convert a seasonal license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2566) (on Senate, No. 246) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Westfield,—
liquor license.

A report of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 368) of Joan B. Lovely, Kay Khan, Steven G. Xiarhos, Michael O. Moore and others for legislation to prevent the sexual abuse of children and youth [sic], and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Children and
youths,—
sexual abuse.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Russell E. Holmes for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for John Coleman, an employee of the Department of Correction. To the committee on Public Service.

John
Coleman,—
sick leave.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Russell E. Holmes and Sonia Chang-Diaz that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land located in the city of Boston to Worcester City

MassBiologics,—
land conveyance.

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Campus Corporation for the University of Massachusetts Medical School's MassBiologics. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

To further regulate the attendance by police officers at police association executive board meetings (House, No. 2163);

Relative to the maintenance of private roads, beaches and amenities in municipalities (House, No. 2208);

Authorizing the town of Deerfield to continue the employment of police officer Gary Sibilgia (House, No. 3988) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to police detail work in the town of Hudson (House, No. 4296) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the town of West Stockbridge to continue the employment of Steven Traver (House, No. 4297) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on Senate, No. 2084, and House, Nos. 35 and 3143 and on a part of House, No. 25, a Bill relative to the 401(k) CORE Plan (House, No. 35).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for a gender neutral designation on state documents and identifications (House, No. 3126).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2053 and House, Nos. 3161 and 3208, a Bill prohibiting license revocation for student loan default (House, No. 3161).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve providing for the creation of a commemorative memorial portrait in the Massachusetts State House in honor of State Representative Doris Bunte (House, No. 3204).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase competition and reduce costs for constructing water treatment plants (House, No. 3220).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to state contracting (House, No. 3238).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3145, a Bill relative to timely public payments for work not included in original construction contracts (House, No. 4308).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3253, a Bill relative to the leasing of a certain parcel of land in the city of Gardner (House, No. 4309).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4181, a Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel in the Roxbury section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4310).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Police
association.
Municipalities,—
private amenities.
Deerfield,—
Gary Sibilgia.
Hudson,—
police details.
West
Stockbridge,—
Steven Traver.

401(k)
CORE
plan.
Official
documents,—
gender-neutral.
Student loans,—
license
revocation.
Doris Bunte
portrait.
Water
treatment
plants.
State
contracting.
Construction,—
payments.
Gardner,—
land.
Boston,—
land.

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill designating the last day of February as rare disease day in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3101).

Rare
disease
day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the month of October as adopt a shelter dog month (House, No. 3102).

Shelter
dogs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating July 8 as Massachusetts Emancipation Day a.k.a. Quock Walker Day (House, No. 3117).

Emancipation
day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing plastic pollution action day in the commonwealth (House, No. 3122).

Plastic
pollution.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2066 and House, No. 3200, a Bill relative to educational collaboratives (House, No. 3200).

Educational
collaboratives.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill designating the Department of Unemployment Assistance building in the city of Brockton as the C. Gerald Lucey Building (see House, No. 4024), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Brockton,—
C. Gerald
Lucey Building.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Middleborough to lease a certain parcel of land to the town of Plympton (Senate No. 1353), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill relative to the membership of the Historic District Commission of the town of Sudbury (House, No. 4216), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Sudbury,—
Historic District
Commission.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4313), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

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On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.